

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

May 3, 2010 – 4:00 PM

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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Present: Carl Ford, Chairman
Chad Mitchell, Vice-Chairman
Jon Barber, Member
Raymond Coltrain, Member
Tina Hall, Member

County Manager Gary Page, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Athey, County Attorney Jay Dees and Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were present.

Chairman Ford convened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Commissioner Mitchell provided the Invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Mitchell moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2010 Commission Meeting passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

There were no deletions from the agenda.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Mitchell moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Mitchell moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

A. Proclamation for National Day of Prayer in Rowan County

WHEREAS, America was founded on the principles of religious faith and freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and

WHEREAS, May 6, 2010, marks the 59th annual National Day of Prayer, as mandated by both houses of Congress and by our President in Public Law 100-307; and

WHEREAS, across our nation on May 6th, Americans will unite at specific times in prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for the blessings our country has received, to ask God to guide our leaders and to bring healing to the United States and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing the National Day of Prayer in Rowan County, where all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our County, State and Nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 6, 2010 as a DAY OF PRAYER IN ROWAN COUNTY and encourages the citizens of Rowan County to join together in their homes, places of work and places of worship, to pray for the unity of the hearts of all mankind and to continue in prayer for our State and our Nation.

B. Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers in the nation are volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

WHEREAS, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 16-22, 2010 as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK and encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

C. Proclamation for Rowan County Tourism Week

WHEREAS, the tourism industry in Rowan County and North Carolina is a significant part of both the local and state economy; and

WHEREAS, tourism contributes substantially to the cultural, social, and economic well being of our community; and

WHEREAS, travel by nature is one of our most fundamental freedoms, in such that it provides opportunities for both personal and professional growth; and

WHEREAS, in Rowan County tourism generates more than \$118 million in annual expenditures, supports over 150 businesses, and employs over 1200 local citizens. These expenditures resulted in nearly \$10 million in state and local tax revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 9-15, 2010 as National Tourism Week in Rowan County and encourages local citizens to enjoy the many great tourism features found in Rowan County.

D. Award Service Sidearm to Retiring Sheriff's Sergeant Craig C. Hicks E. Proclamation for Let's Get Connected Day

WHEREAS, The Salisbury-Rowan Human Relations Council and its subcommittee, the Covenant Community Connection, strives to promote unity, cooperation, and understanding among the various and diverse faith groups throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, "Let's Get Connected Day" is a gathering of social unity for all citizens of our community for a day of friendship, fun, and festivities; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that prayer is a deeply personal experience and is an expression of our individual dispositions as well as our religious convictions; and

WHEREAS, the Circle of Prayer symbolizes the unification of diverse people and faith groups by joining hands in prayer for harmony, peace and understanding; and

WHEREAS, Let's Get Connected Day will bring the diverse faith groups throughout our community together to pray for our community and our world, and to promote understanding across racial, cultural and religious boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 15th, 2010 as LET'S GET CONNECTED DAY in Rowan County, and encourages participation by our fellow citizens to join in prayer for our community at noon on this day.

F. Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month

WHEREAS, North Carolina has more than 193,000 registered motorcycles and hundreds of thousands licensed drivers who have either a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle learner's permit according to the Department of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the citizens of North Carolina be aware of motorcycles on our roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety and of sharing the roadways; and

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle is enhanced through a combination of rider training and experience, good judgment and a knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program joins state and local law enforcement agencies, the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program, Bike Safe North Carolina and motorcycling organizations interested in the promotion of motorcycle safety and awareness in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, May is traditionally observed as a time to remind and encourage other motor vehicle operators to be cautious and observe motorcycles, especially during their seasonal return to our streets and highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2010, as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" in Rowan County and urges all motor vehicle operators to join in this effort to keep our highways safe.

G. Smart Start Rowan Funding Increase to Healthy Beginnings Activity

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Ford opened the Public Comment Period to entertain comments from any citizens wishing to address the Board. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Ford closed the Public Comment Period.

3. INTERVIEW COMMITTEE FOR ROWAN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DIRECTOR

County Manager Gary Page explained that the North Carolina Extension Service would like for the Board of Commissioners to appoint two (2) representatives to an interview committee to consider candidates for the vacant Rowan County Extension Director position.

Commissioner Mitchell moved to appoint the County Manager and Chairman Ford to serve on the committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall.

Commissioner Coltrain stated that if one of the committee members had a conflict in serving, he would be glad to serve based on his agricultural experience.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion on the floor passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director Leslie Heidrick submitted the following budget amendments for the Board's consideration:

- Therapeutic Recreation – Move funds from the Senior Games Donation Account to cover expenses for events of Senior Games into the Senior Games Activities - \$3,000
- Senior Services/RTS – To match county budget line items to Caregiver Grant allocation - \$1,609
- Social Services – To increase expenditures and revenues for funds received in the Special Children's Adoption Fund - \$79,500
- Social Services – To increase line item for Medicaid Transportation for Relatives based on projected spending through June 30 - \$16,000
- Finance – Rowan-Salisbury Schools has completed all projects associated with 2002 bonds. To close the Capital Project Fund - \$263,230
- Finance – Appropriate fund balance to cover estimated workers' compensation claims that will be in excess of current budget - \$345,000

Commissioner Mitchell moved, Commissioner Barber seconded and the vote to approve the budget amendments passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS

FRANKLIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Franklin VFD requested the appointment of three (3) Fire Commissioners and submitted the following applications for consideration:

- Mike Trexler - reappointment
- Steve Thurston – reappointment
- Thomas Eugene Grubb

The terms would be for two (2) years beginning May 1, 2010 and expiring April 30, 2012.

Commissioner Barber nominated Mike Trexler and Steve Thurston for reappointment and Thomas Eugene Grubb for appointment. The nomination passed unanimously.

NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mary Jane Slusser submitted an application and if approved, the term would be for one (1) year beginning May 1, 2010 and expiring April 30, 2011.

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Mary Jane Slusser and the nomination passed unanimously.

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE PLANNING BOARD

The Town of China Grove requested the appointment of James Basinger to the China Grove Planning Board. Mr. Basinger would complete the term of a previous member, which expires December 31, 2011.

Commissioner Mitchell nominated James Basinger and the nomination carried unanimously.

ROWAN TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTS)

Clyde Fahnestock submitted a letter of resignation from the RTS Advisory Committee in order to comply with an FTA review. The review stated that Mr. Fahnestock serving on the committee created the appearance of a conflict of interest since he prepared applications and reports operating data.

The RTS Committee will submit revised bylaws, in July, for the Board's consideration. The term expiration dates for the following applicants, if approved, will be modified at that time to coincide with the specifications in the Bylaws.

Steve Joslin submitted an application and would be serving as the Health Department representative with a term ending August 31, 2010.

Jane Peeler submitted an application and would be serving as a representative of a person with disabilities and as an RTS passenger with a term ending August 31, 2010.

Commissioner Mitchell moved to accept the resignation of Clyde Fahnestock and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Steve Joslin and Jane Peeler and the nomination passed unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Barber moved to adjourn at 4:05 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coltrain and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Athey, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board/Assistant to the County Manager